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MARTIN BÄHLER

East Orange, N. J.

**S**ON of Rev. Pierre Benjamin Bähler, minister in the Reformed Church in the Netherlands, and Harriet Charlotte Sames. Ancestors of grandfather came from Italy. One married Miss d'Espar, of illustrious ancestry in the French nobility. Father studied theology at Lausanne, Switzerland and was minister of a Walloon (southern French-speaking Belgian) church in Holland. Of this union, (Benjamin and Harriet), were born Louis H., Rutgers '61; Pierre G. M., Rutgers 1868; and Martin Bähler '69; the latter in Breda, the historic city of sieges and treaties, August 29, 1846, in the year of the discovery of the planet Neptune. Lived in the famous cities of Breda; Nymegen (home of Charlemagne) in Gelderland; Meppel; in Drenthe, at Hellendoorn; and in Deventer (from which place came the ancestors of at least four generations in Rutgers College) in Overijssel and in America at Albany, N. Y. Educated at a French preparatory school and had one year in the gymnasium (or high grade school) in the Netherlands. In Albany was two years and a half in the Boys' Academy. In childhood, remembers falling down stairs when eighteen months' old; being vaccinated when two years old; and falling into the water four or five times. Entered Rutgers College in the Junior class. Passed in Greek, without further examination by Dr. Cooper, on showing the mss. of his Greek oration written in Albany. While in the Albany Academy, took the "Principal's Prize" in English Composition; also gold medal for same, awarded by the Beck Literary Society; and by the Young Men's Association for Fourth of July Essay. In college, took second honor and two prizes—for classics and for mathematics. Attended the summer session of Lausanne University, in Switzerland, in 1902. For three consecutive years had charge of instruction in French, at the summer sessions of the College of Middlebury, Vt. Since leaving college, lived in Newark about five years, at Summit, N. J., about seven years, and the rest of the time in Orange and East Orange, N. J., engaged in teaching. Since 1900, head of the French Department at the East Orange High School. Received degrees of A.B. and Phi Beta Kappa in 1869 and A.M. in 1872. Elder, and leader of music, in Arlington Avenue Presbyterian church. In politics, Independent, but "always for Teddy." Recreation, mountain climbing in the Adirondacks. Climbed Mount Marcy (5344 feet) about a dozen times. Married October 16, 1879, at Belleville, N. J., to Miss Annie Leslie, daughter of Henry L. Cadmus. Of this union were born Adrian Leslie, June 20, 1883, and Elsie Margarita (Mrs. B. H. Hutchinson), March 22nd, 1888. Has in type-script a work on French-English Homographs.

J. H.

A class mate of Martin Bähler is glad to express his appreciation of the cultured father of the three sons who were graduated from Rutgers College, who, as he remembers, was a sunny old gentleman, of progressive orthodoxy and eager to read all of the writings of President James McCosh. In college rivalries—"emulation without envy"—we considered Martin Bähler the leader of the class (despite a certain flattening of vowels) in linguistic achievements. He not only took the prize in the classics, but he had no competitor. The three brothers (two now deceased) were fine specimens of Netherlands culture.

W. E. G.

### EDGAR BERGEN

Died April 24, 1896.

**S**ON of Jeremiah Bergen, farmer, at Flatlands, N. Y., and Jane Ann Lott. A descendant of Hans Hansen Bergen. Born at Flatlands, Long Island, N. Y., January 22, 1848. Lived there until entering college. Prepared at Erasmus Hall Academy, Flatbush, Long Island. First honor in college and valedictorian of his class. Phi Beta Kappa. Graduated with A.B. A.M. Rutgers 1872. Fraternity, Chi Phi. Studied law in the office of Gen. Philip S. Crooke, Brooklyn, N. Y. Admitted to bar, 1872. Residences since leaving college, Flatlands, until 1879; Flatbush, from 1879 to 1896. Justice of the Peace at one time at Flatlands. Elder for a time in the Flatbush Reformed Church, also Sunday School Superintendent in the Sunday School of said church for five years. Member of the Flatlands, and then of the Flatbush Reformed churches. United with church at age of 14. A diligent student of the Bible. Republican. One of the most highly respected members of the bar in Brooklyn, and for several years before his death his practice was very large. Married, in Fish-Kill Village, N. Y., September 12th, 1877, Gertrude E. Mathewson. Children: Jeremiah Bergen, born September, 1878; Edgar Bergen, jr., born 1883, died April, 1888; Gertrude Lott Bergen, born November 26, 1891, a graduate of Vassar, 1915. Relatives among Rutgers alumni: Samuel Woodbridge Bergen, 1867, cousin. Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D., LL.D., a graduate of N. Y. U. and Professor in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, was an uncle by marriage, having married Mr. Bergen's father's sister.

G. W. L.

### ROBERT DOIG

Died June 16th, 1892.

**B**ORN of James Doig, iron-worker and builder, who came from Scotland, when young, to better his condition and prospered. His mother was Margaret Knox, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, whose mother came to America, on the death of her husband, in order to afford opportunities for her three little children, who grew up and became persons of influence, the son, Dr. Knox, being a widely known physician in Richmond, Va. Born in New York City July 11th, 1842, Robert lived there under private instruction. His

mother was a deeply religious woman and encouraged him to study for the ministry, and showed her warm sympathy with him during his collegiate and theological course. Graduated from New Brunswick Seminary in June 1872, and on December 9th, 1872, at Berne, N. Y., was licensed and ordained, entering upon the pastorate of the Reformed Church in that place. Was in charge, also, of the first Reformed church at Beaverdam, in the classis of Schoharie. Faithful not only in pastoral and preaching services, but in protracted meetings—after one of which he caught the cold which laid the foundation of the malady, of which he eventually died, after suffering for eight years or more. He held the pastorate of the Reformed Church of Scotia, N. Y., from 1885 to 1892. He was Stated Clerk of the Classis of Schoharie, from 1877 to 1885. In politics, Republican. On October 23rd, 1872, he married at Griggstown, N. J., Adelaide L. Garretson, daughter of Stephen Garretson and of this union, four children were born: Stephen Garretson, Arthur Knox, Myra C., and Edith G. He wrote the history of the town of Berne, Albany Co., N. Y., and a number of articles on local history in the daily papers and on church events in several periodicals. Robert Doig was always a cheerful, pleasant, student companion with only occasional fits of depression, conscientious and diligent in the ministry. He was a kind father and husband and beloved by the people whom he served in the gospel.

W. E. G.

## THEODORE DOUGLAS FRAZEE

Died August 25th, 1900.

SON of Sylvester Frazee and Ann Symonds Brown. Born at Rahway, N. J., December 1st, 1838. Before entering college lived twelve years at Watkins, N. Y. Student and preacher while in college. Graduated in June, 1869. He competed for the English composition prize and for the logic, clear statement and strong discussion should, perhaps, have won the prize, which was awarded to his classmate "Curio." Was a member of the Alpha Beta Phi fraternity. Entered the Newark Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1863, after the three years course of study prescribed by the Conference. His pastorates were at Dunellen, N. J., New Dovy, N. J., Milford, Pa., High Bridge, Wortendike, Arcola, and Branchville, N. J., Middle Smithfield, Pa., Belvidere, Oxford, and Washington, and Anderson, N. J., Rockland Lake, N. Y., Port Morris, N. J., and Woodrow Church, Rossville, S. I., his last charge, from 1897 to 1900. Was in the active ministry from 1865, excepting the years 1883, and from 1885 to 1892, when supernumerary relations were taken, on account of ill health. In politics, Republican. Married, June 30th, 1875, at Dunellen, N. J., Mary Frances Morgan, daughter of Charles C. and Lucy A. Morgan. Of this union was born Florence Augusta, June 30th, 1876, who married, April 9th, 1901, Mr. Joseph Seguinne Decker. For ten years he was engaged in literary work, as editor of the magazine called The Cabinet and Review, published at Newark, N. J., from 1886 to 1892, and The Hudson Valley Bulletin, issued irregularly, from 1893 to 1897. He

wrote and published a book called *The Farmer's Niece*, 1892. In 1874 he built the new M. E. Church edifice, at Highbridge, N. J., and in 1879 the new brick M. E. church building at Branchville, N. J. His fine humanity, earnestness, sincerity and brotherly feeling was a moral tonic to the class of '69, Older than most of us, his influence upon us all was like that of a kind, unselfish older brother. His name is an honor to the class.

W. E. G.

### WILLIAM ELLIOT GRIFFIS

Glen Place, Ithaca, N. Y.

**S**ON of John Limeburner Griffis, merchant navigator in many seas, 1816-1838; coal merchant, 1839-1873; retired 1873-1879; in New Brunswick 1836-1841; and Anna Maria Hess. John L. Griffis was descended from the Welsh Grifuids, of the ninth century, mentioned in the Book of St. Chad. Captain John Griffis, born in England in 1756, was opposed to the policy of King George, came to America after the Revolutionary War and carried the American flag around the world. He was one of eight generations of Welsh Devonshire men who followed the sea. Dying April 2, 1807, he was buried within a few feet of Benjamin Franklin. His wife, Hannah Eyre, was descended from the Eyres of the family founded by a soldier from Rouen, France, who came in the army of William the Conqueror and was knighted on the field of Senlac or Hastings, A.D. 1068. Her ancestor, George Eyre, came to Burlington, N. Y., in 1727 and married Miss Mary Smith. Their three sons were Free Quakers; two of them, John and Benjamin holding commissions as colonels in the Pennsylvania Line. John Limeburner Griffis was married in Philadelphia to Anna Maria Hess, April 11, 1837. Her ancestors were German Swiss, who came from Zurich, Switzerland, in the following of William Penn. Settled on Barren Hill, near Valley Forge, Pa., her father, often seeing Washington, Lafayette, and after the Revolutionary, making his home in Philadelphia, where she was born, April 5, 1812, and educated in English. Of the union of John and Maria Griffis were born seven children, six of whom reached adult life. As a bride, attended the commencement of Rutgers College, determining that her son, if choosing a professional life, should be there educated. William Elliot Griffis, second son and fourth child, was born at 7:30, on Sunday morning. Residence, before entering college, Philadelphia, except short summer sojourns in the country, trips to Baltimore and Washington, and three months' service in the 44th Pennsylvania Regiment in the Gettysburg campaign, in 1863. Dames' School, 1848-'50, Public Schools 1850-1860. Prepared for college, 1864-'65, under a private tutor in Philadelphia. Remembers two incidents in babyhood also confirmed by maternal testimony; Kossuth; the famous Butchers and Craftsmen's spectacular parades; the volunteer fire department; Know Nothing and Roman Catholic riots; the launch of the U. S. S. S. Susquehanna (Com. Perry's flagship in Japan); Commodore Charles Stewart, or "Old Ironsides"; the return of the soldiers from Mexican War; the first Japanese Embassy; and

met many famous people at his father's house and in public. Silver medal Sophomore oration. Junior Prize Essay. Prizes (Senior) for Natural Science, and for English Composition. A.B., A.M., L.H.D., Rutgers (1900). D.D., Union, 1884. Librarian of Philoclean Society. Received also a Philoclean prize. Editor of the first Targum (broad side) January, 1869. With R. C. Pruyn, projected and founded the Monthly Targum, and, declining editorship, was voluminous contributor of notes, articles, verses, editorials, etc., 1869-'70. Subscribed for first football. Was one of the first teachers of the Japanese students in New Brunswick in 1866, and active in urging them to athletic habits. Kept a boat and often on the river. In first game of football. In Delta Upsilon fraternity, 1866-1869. Phi Beta Kappa. Reformed Church Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, 1869-1870. Union Theological Seminary 1876 and 1877. In Japan was a founding member of the Asiatic Society of Japan, and of the Mei Roku Sha, or Literary Society of eminent Japanese in Tokio, both societies still flourishing. Began in 1873, active agitation publicly and to influence Congress to return the \$750,000 indemnity unjustly extorted from Japan (in 1863) which was done in 1883; and for the peaceful opening of Korea by treaty, which was done in the same year. In Schenectady N. Y., licensed May 15, 1877. Ordained May 31, 1877. Member of Reformed Church, 1861-1886. Ministry, 1877-1886. In Congregational body, 1886-1916+. Residences since leaving college: Fukui, Echizen, Japan, 1871-'72; Tokio, 1872-'74; Philadelphia, 1875; New York, 1875-'77; Schenectady, N. Y., 1877-'86; Boston, Mass., 1886-'93; Ithaca, N. Y., 1893-1916+. In Europe nine times, 1869-1913, for study, investigation, travel and (eight times) on preaching tours, in the large cities of Great Britain and the Netherlands, also in Paris and Belfast, Ireland. Connected with as member or officer of various literary, charitable, and patriotic societies, 1877-1893; President and founder of the DeWitt Historical Society of Tompkins County, N. Y.; President of the Central Congregational Club, Syracuse, N. Y., 1895; Member of the A. B. C. F. M.; chosen member of the World's Congresses Auxiliary to the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893, on Historical Literature, on Folk-lore and Missions. Chairman of the Congress of Comparative Religion, St. Louis, in 1903. Made honorary member of the Asiatic Societies of Japan and Korea, and of the Literary and Scientific Societies of Leyden, Middelburg. Leeuwarden in the Netherlands. Church connection: Reformed (Dutch) Church in America, 1860-1886; Congregational, 1886-1916+. Started with others (and was elder of) First Union Christian church in Tokio. Democrat at first. Republican 1865-1916+. Inclined to be Independent in local elections. Avocation, pedestrianism, change of occupation, altruistic service, European travel. Have "done" on foot nearly every mountain group in Eastern United States north of Virginia, and several in Switzerland and Japan. Married (1), June 17, 1879, at Schenectady, N. Y., Katharine Lyra Stanton, graduate of Vassar '77, daughter of Professor Benjamin Stanton, Latin Department of Union College, and Catharine P. Coffin; (2), June 28, 1900, at Pulaski, N. Y., Sarah Frances King, Vassar '90, daughter of Don King and Mary Gridley Baker, of Pulaski, N. Y. Both wives of English

ancestry. Children: Lillian Eyre Griffis, born in Schenectady, Dec. 31, 1883, graduate of Vassar College; Stanton Griffis, born May 2, 1887, in Boston, graduate and prize winner of Cornell University; John Elliot Griffis, born in Boston, January 26, 1893, student of art. Has owned over ten thousand books. Collected his first library in college which he took to Japan and gave away there; large Dutch library given to Hope College, and several special collections, including one on the Pilgrim Fathers and his entire Chinese and Japanese library to Cornell University. Has several unpublished manuscripts. Has written forty-one books, mostly for peace and good will among nations and peoples, but in the total for forty years, in the ups and downs of authorship never made one dollar's profit above expenses. Has lectured over two thousand times.

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"I count among my highest achievements under God—service for my country in the 44th Penna. Regt. at 19 years of age. the introduction into Japan of technical schools, thus honoring manual labor; the influence of my special studies as to the part played by Holland in the making of the American nation; the instilling of correct notions as to Japanese civilization; the erection of 17 historical tablets, in Schenectady, Ithaca, and the Netherlands. Reverencing historic truth as highly as religious truth, or any other sort or phase of truth, I have tried to do justice to the influence of the Dutch Republic on the formation of the American commonwealth (ignored by most American histriographers); to help Orientals and Occidentals to understand and appreciate each other, to do absolute justice in my writings to men of every creed, color, race, and civilization; to be a Christian and to serve my fellowmen. March 4, 1916." Data given and what is here quoted and written on the 50th anniversary of entrance as pioneer educator in Fukui, Echizen, Interior Japan.

G. W. L.

#### JOHN HART

Neshanic, N. J.

**S**ON of William R. Hart and Mary Robb. Father a farmer, in early life a teacher and later holder of small political offices. Descended on paternal side from Friends, who came over with William Penn and settled in Bucks County, near Philadelphia. Born in Warminster township, July 17, 1843. Home at Jacksonville, Bucks Co., Pa., Post Office—Richborough. Educated in the local common schools, both at home and for four years in Montgomery County, and in the Rutgers College Grammar School, 1864 and 1865. Lived the simple life of a farmer's son. Took full course in college and received degrees A.B. and A.M. Treasurer of the class. In the Delta Upsilon fraternity and in Peithessopian Literary Society. In New Brunswick Theological Seminary 1869-'72. Licensed to preach by the Classis of Philadelphia, May 29, 1872. Ordained to the gospel ministry by the North Classis of Long

Island, in the Locust Valley Reformed Church, near Oyster Bay, L. I., July 2, 1872, and served this church as pastor until 1875. Accepted call to the Reformed Church of Neshanic, N. J., in 1875, and has since served this congregation. Membership from the first in the Reformed Church. Non-partisan, but has voted oftenest with the Democratic party. Recreation—gardening and care of parsonage lot. Married, October 23, 1873, at Locust Valley, N. Y., to Miss Anna F. Underhill, daughter of Judge Henry B. Underhill of San Francisco, Calif., the Right-of-Way Attorney for the Southern Pacific Railroad, and Harriette T. Fish. Of this union were born Henry Underhill Hart, September 15, 1873, who died of pneumonia, January 25, 1911; William Reese Hart, August 31, 1877, pastor of Reformed Church in Jersey City, N. J., and Helen Raymond Hart (Mrs. Howard S. Giese) of Upper Montclair, N. J., born July 7, 1886. The two sons, as above, alumni of Rutgers College, Henry U., 1895, W. R., 1889. Has contributed articles to the local journals and *The Christian Intelligencer*. At three score and ten, in a pastorate already 42 years extended, is working vigorously. Successor of Rev. Gabriel Ludlow (D.D. by Rutgers College 1860), who was ordained and installed over the Neshanic Church September 5, 1821, dying in 1878; who had succeeded Rev. Richmond Smith installed in 1785 and lived until 1820.

W. E. G.

### CHARLES LUMAN KNAPP

Lowville, N. Y.

**S**ON of Charles Martin Knapp, farmer, and Alzada Shull. Born at Harrisburg, Lewis Co., N. Y., July 4, 1847. Residences before entering college, Harrisburg and Lowville, N. Y. Prepared at Lowville Academy, Rutgers College Grammar School, and at Irving Institute, Tarrytown, N. Y. Graduated at Rutgers with A.B. Class president Junior year, and president of combined classical and scientific classes during Senior year. Senior editor of *The Targum*. Fraternity, Delta Kappa Epsilon. Read law in office of Judge Henry E. Turner, Lewis Co., N. Y., and graduated at Hamilton College Law School. Admitted to New York bar in 1872. Elected to the New York State Senate in 1886 and 1887. Appointed by President Harrison, Consul General to Montreal in 1889 and served until September 1893, when he returned to Lowville and resumed the practice of law. Elected as a Republican to the Fifty-seventh Congress to fill vacaney caused by the death of Albert D. Shaw. Re-elected to the Fifty-eighth, Fifty-ninth, Sixtieth, and Sixty-first Congresses, and served from Dec. 2, 1901, to March 3, 1911. After that resumed the practice of law in Lowville again, and is still practicing there. Not a member, but attends the Presbyterian church. A Republican in politics. Married, June 26, 1887, at Oneida Castle, N. Y., Sarah, daughter of Hon. Daniel G. Dorrance. No children. See Congressional Directory, Washington 1913, and Who's Who in America, 1914-1915.

G. W. L.

GEORGE WARNE LABAW  
Preakness, N. J.

**S**ON of John Chamberlain Labaw, merchant and farmer, at Harlingen, New Jersey, and Mary Warne, a descendant of Thomas Warne, one of the twenty-four Proprietors of East Jersey. Born February 29, 1848, near Clinton, New Jersey. Other residences before entering college: Sergeantsville, Jersey City, and Harlingen, all in New Jersey. Entered Rutgers College Grammar School March 1, 1864, and Rutgers College, September, 1865. Sophomore orator. Delta Upsilon. Phi Beta Kappa. Third honor. Graduated with A.B., A.M. Rutgers, 1872. After graduation spent nearly a year in Illinois, mostly in teaching—four months, November-March, at Warrensville, DuPage Co., and three months, April-June, 1870, at Dunton, now Arlington Heights, Cook Co. Entered New Brunswick Theological Seminary 1870, and graduated in 1873, having spent first summer's vacation at Whiting, Maine, doing mission work under the auspices of the Maine Missionary Society of the Congregational Church, and the second summer at Cooper, Maine, both in Washington County. Licensed by Classis of Philadelphia, at Harlingen, N. J., May 27, 1873, and dismissed to the Classis of Saratoga. Ordained June 18, 1873, by the Classis of Saratoga, at Northumberland, N. Y., and installed pastor over the Reformed Churches of Northumberland and Fort Miller. Resigned, July, 1874. Served the Reformed church mission at Ridgewood, N. J., for about three months in summer and fall of 1874. Pastor Reformed Church of Blue Mountain, near Saugerties, N. Y., November, 1874-October, 1882; Colt's Neck, N. J., 1882-9; Preakness, N. J., 1889 to date. Stated Clerk Classis of Passaic, R. C. A., 1898 to date. Member Board of Superintendents Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, 1908-1913. Member General Synod's Committee on Necrology, 1907-1912. Republican. Published: Several articles in various publications; Centennial Discourse at Preakness, 1901, in Paterson Morning Call, Nov. 2, 1901; Preakness and the Preakness Reformed Church. A History, 1695-1902, with Genealogical Notes, the Records of the Church, and Tombstone Inscriptions, 1902, 344 pages; a Genealogy of the Warne Family in America, Principally the Descendants of Thomas Warne, born 1652, died 1722, one of the Twenty-four Proprietors of East Jersey, 1911, 701 pages. Aided also in compiling this pamphlet. Avocation, gardening and genealogy. Married, November 25, 1874, Catherine Beekman Mosher, daughter of Lewis H. Mosher, M.D., of Millstone and Griggstown, N. J. No children.

W. E. G.

EDWARD LODEWICK  
Died September 14, 1909.

**S**ON of Henry Casper Lodewick, farmer, and Sarah Van Sinderen. His great grandfather was the Rev. Ulpianus van Sinderen, born in the Netherlands and minister of Reformed Churches at Brooklyn, Flatlands, Bushwick, New Utrecht, and Flatbush, 1746-'84, and at Gravesend, 1747-'65. Emeritus,

1784. Born at Schodack, N. Y., February 25, 1846, and after living at home received his preparatory studies at Chittenango in the family of Rev. James R. Talmage, at the Albany Academy, and at the New Brunswick Grammar School. United with the church at the age of twelve and often assisted his pastor. Was in college four years. Graduated from Rutgers in 1869, and from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1872. He was licensed at East Greenbush, N. Y., and ordained at St. Johnsville, N. Y., serving there as pastor from 1872 till 1875, and at Park Ridge, Pascack, N. J., twenty-nine years, when his health failed and he moved to Bound Brook. In politics, Republican. He married, on April 16th, 1873, Miss Mary Elizabeth Mettler, daughter of Wilson Mettler and Elizabeth G. Nevius. He enjoyed a successful ministry, putting his best thought into every sermon and excelling as a pastor but was never in good health. His widow erected a memorial tablet in the Pascack church and endowed in her husband's name a prize to the best preacher in the Senior class of the Seminary.

ROBERT CLARENCE PRUYN

60 State Street, Albany, N. Y.

**S**ON of Robert Hewson Pruyn, LL.D: of the class of 1833, lawyer, banker, adjutant-general of the State of New York, Minister of the United States to Japan (1861-1865), and Jane Ann Lansing. Born at Albany, N. Y., October 23rd, 1847. Lived at Albany, N. Y., and Yedo, now Tokio, Japan. Educated at the Wrightson's school and the New York State Normal School in Albany, and under private tutors. Had a remarkable early experience of travel and residence in Japan. Entered Rutgers College during the second term of the Sophomore year and greatly interested his classmate, Griffis, in Japan and the Japanese. He proposed that the enterprise of The Targum, or monthly (now weekly) newspaper of the College be started and was with his classmate co-founder of this periodical. In the Delta Phi fraternity. Has resided in Albany and was a manufacturer until 1885, since which time he has been president of the National Commercial Bank. Is director in several corporations and member of several Clubs, in Albany and New York, being one of the foremost citizens at the State capital. Member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. In politics, Republican. Married at Albany, October 22nd, 1873, to Anna W. Williams, daughter of Chauncey Platt Williams and Martha Hough of Albany, N. Y. Children: Edward Lansing, Ruth Williams (now Mrs. David M. Goodrich), Robert Dunton, and Freerick. His father was Robert H. Pruyn, of the class of 1833, who was also trustee of Rutgers College from 1853 to 1882, a donor to the library and a generous friend to students.

W. E. G.

## EDWARD DWIGHT SHEPARD

Died January 13, 1912.

**S**ON of Blanchard Shepard, business man and president of the First National Bank of Hudson, N. Y., and Mary Warren Mellen. Born at New Orleans, La., April 10th, 1849. Lived at New Orleans and at Hudson, N. Y. Attended school in Hudson and at the Grammar School in New Brunswick. He graduated in the class of 1869. Was a member of the Delta Phi fraternity. He engaged in the banking business and was head of the firm of E. D. Shepard & Co. of New York City, which did a large business in bonds. The firm was very successful until 1909, when apparently, through the extravagance of the junior partners who were left in control, the firm was forced into bankruptcy. He lived for some years in Brooklyn, but later years at South Orange, N. J. His church connections were the Reformed Church in Hudson, N. Y., the First Presbyterian Church, South Orange, N. J., and the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, at the time of his death. In politics, Independent Republican. He was married at South Orange, N. J., June 3rd, 1879, to Miss Ellen Wright Newton, daughter of Frederick W. Newton, and Nancy Caryl Gibson, of South Orange. Of this union was born Frederick Newton at South Orange, February 24th, 1881, who died January 6, 1915.

W. E. G.

## NICHOLAS TERHUNE

Died January 22, 1892.

**S**ON of John N. Terhune, at one time Lay Judge of Passaic County, N. J., and Sophia Merselis. Born in Paterson, N. J., August 2, 1847, and lived there until he entered college. Prepared in the public schools of Paterson, and in Garret Hopper's private school, of same city. Graduated at Rutgers with A.B., A.M. Rutgers 1872. Fraternity, Zeta Psi. Residences since leaving college, Paterson and Passaic. Occupation, pharmacist at Passaic. Church, connection, First Reformed Church, Passaic. Married, October 15, 1874, Jennie O. Kipp, daughter of John P. Kipp, and Jane Paulison. Children: Harold N. Terhune, born May 14, 1881; Irving N. Terhune, born July 20, 1885.

G. W. L.

## MOTT BEDELL VAIL

New Brunswick, N. J.

**S**ON of Edward S. Vail, lawyer, practicing in New York and New Jersey, A.B. Rutgers 1839, and A.M., and Kate Bedell. Great grandfather, Col. Daniel Bedell of Hempstead, N. Y., fought in War of 1812, at head of his regiment. Paternal grandfather, Hon. David W. Vail, was a member of the New Jersey Legislature for two terms, and mayor of New Brunswick in 1840. Born at New Brunswick, April 21, 1851. Residences before entering college, New Brunswick, St. Louis, Mo., Newark, N. J., Brooklyn, N. Y. Prepared under Dr. Gustavus Fischer, school and tutor. Graduated with

A.B., A.M. Rutgers, 1872. Fourth honor. Philosophical oration. Phi Beta Kappa. President Peithessopian Literary Society. Class president Senior year. Athletic honor. Eight-oared boat race against town in 1868. Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Columbia University Law School, New York City, May 1871, being under age. Admitted to New York bar, 1872. Licensed to practice by Supreme Court of New Jersey November 6, 1879. Residences since leaving college: Camden, N. J., and Philadelphia, two years Brooklyn, N. Y., nine years New Brunswick, N. J. Entered the Government Civil Service Law Department, New York City, in 1886, and remained until 1911, when sight failed and he left. Practiced law in New Brunswick for a few years. LL.B. Columbia Law School, 1871. Church connection, Episcopal. Vestryman in Christ Church, New Brunswick, 1882-3, also in St. John's Church, New Brunswick, after 1908. Avocation, reading. Owns 1,000 books, estimated. Married, October 23, 1882, in St. George's Church, Hanover Square, London, England, Frances Herbert, daughter of Hon. Charles Morgan Herbert. Private Secretary of Gov. Olden, 1861, Major on Staff and Military Secretary of Gov. Marcus L. Ward, and District Attorney of Middlesex Co., N. J., 1871. Relatives among Rutgers alumni: Theodore F. Vail, 1851, New York City; Hon. T. R. Westbrook, 1838, Judge Supreme Court, Kingston, N. Y.; Hon. Charles M. Herbert, 1857, New Brunswick, and H. M. Herbert, Sound Brook, N. J.

G. W. L.

## JOHN TALMAGE VAN CLEEF

Room 202, Commonwealth Building, Trenton, N. J.

**S**ON of Rev. Paul Duryea Van Cleef, D.D., pastor during fifty-five years of the Wayne Street Reformed Church of Jersey City, N. J., and Cata lina Underdonk. Born at Coxsackie, N. Y., July 9, 1849. Came with his father to Jersey City and received his preparation for college at Hasbrouck's Grammar School in Mercer Street, Jersey City. Entered Rutgers College in 1865, took the Myron W. Smith first prize in Sophomore oratory. President of the class in 1868. In Zeta Psi fraternity. Appointed by the class to deliver the Master's oration, in 1872. Studied law in Jersey City in office of Washington B. Williams, Jersey City. Admitted as attorney in 1872, as Counsellor and Master in Chancery in 1875. Lived in Jersey City until 1884, then at Lowville, N. J., from 1880 to 1894, from which time he has made Trenton his home. In 1873, formed with Abraham Van Horn (of Rutgers, class of 1870, died 1905) under the firm name of Van Cleef & Van Horn. Was twice elected alderman from the Sixth Ward. Served ten years as Secretary of the Board of Finance and Taxation. In 1884 was tendered the position of Secretary of the State Board of Railway Assessors, serving in this capacity for ten years. In 1887 appointed as aide de camp on the personal staff of Governor Robert L. Green, serving for three years, with the rank of Colonel. Held the same office and honors, for a like time, 1890-1893, and later on the staff of Governor George T. Werts. In 1894 resumed the prac-

tice of law and is still active in his profession. Church connection, Presbyterian. Has written poems and satires on political events, published from time to time in the Trenton State Gazette and Trenton Times and Advertiser under the *nom de plume* of "Vee Cee," and now being compiled for publication. Among relatives educated at Rutgers College are James Van Cleef, son of Peter Van Cleef, and Elliot Van Cleef, '98. Married, September 11, 1873, to Mary Emma Jones, daughter of Wesley W. Jones, of Rahway, N. J. Of this union two children were born: Catalina, July 1st, 1875, and Walter T., September 24, 1876, who died in August, 1908.

W. E. G.



## CLASSICAL NON-GRADUATES

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JOHN G. BERDAN

Died April 23, 1878.

**S**ON of Garrabrant V. H. Berdan, farmer, and Ellen Sip. Born at Fair Lawn, N. J., February 3, 1846. Residences before entering college, Fair Lawn. Prepared in the Public School there and at Kinsella's Private School in Paterson. Was in college nearly four years. Residences since leaving college, Dundee Lake for about seven years, and then Fair Lawn. Druggist. Church connection, Reformed Church of Passaic, N. J. Married at Dundee Lake, November 30, 1870, Clara Jane Van Riper, daughter of Cornelius Van Riper and Catherine Messelis. Son, Cornelius Van Riper Berdan, born May, 30, 1872.

G. W. L.

JOHN ARTHUR BLISH

Died October 21, 1914.

**S**ON of Samuel Blish. Born at Northport, Maine, June 3, 1849. Preparatory education at New Brunswick Grammar School. After leaving Rutgers College, lived in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charlestown, W. Va., and New Brunswick, N. J. Associated as architect with Mr. George H. Parsell, and later with Mr. Alexander Merchant of New Brunswick, N. J. Married, March 13, 1874, to Miss Jane E. Brown, of New York City, leaving two daughters and one son.

J. H.

EDWARD WARREN CLARK

Died June 5, 1907.

**S**ON of Rev. Rufus Wheelwright Clark, D.D., and Eliza Walton, his wife. Dr. Clark was pastor of Congregational churches at Portsmouth, N. H., East Boston, Mass., Brooklyn, N. Y., and of the First Reformed Church, Albany, N. Y. and author of numerous books and pamphlets. Mrs. Clark was a woman of fine intellectual power and social grace. Born at Portsmouth, N. H., January 27, 1849, lived at home and prepared in the schools until he entered Rutgers College. An accident in boyhood, which severely injured his eyes, requiring several surgical operations, handicapped Mr. Clark all his life, greatly hindering, in both direction and results, a man of otherwise notable energy. After leaving college, he traveled with his classmate Griffis, in Northern Europe (through Switzerland together on foot). Studied theology during two years in the Ecole de Theologie, at Geneva, under Dr. Merle d'Aubigne, and later at the Episcopal Divinity School in Philadelphia. Through the application, in 1871, of Count Katsu Awa and the authorities

at Shidzuoka, made to his classmate Griffis, then at Fukui, an invitation was sent to him to come out to Japan. After two years at Shidzuoka, 1871-1873, he taught chemistry and physics in the Imperial University 1873-'75, returning home by way of Asia and Europe. Had the honor, in 1874, of lecturing before the Court and the full Imperial Household in the Mikado's palace, the Emperor thanking him personally and bestowing various tokens in the form of art works. Ordained to the diaconate in Holy Trinity Church, New York, January 1880, and to the priesthood in Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, June 1881. Held pastoral charges at the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia, Pa., Church of the Ascension, Wakefield, R. I., and St. Peters by the Sea, Narragansett Pier, R. I. His later homes were at Tallahassee, Fla., Columbia, Tenn., and Nashville, Tenn. His uncle was Bishop Thomas March Clark, D.D., of Rhode Island. In politics, Republican. He was a great pedestrian, climber of mountains and fond of horseback riding. In 1878, he married Miss Louise McCullough of Stephen's Point, Wis. Of this union were born Edith Louise, September 2, 1880; Edward Warren, February 17, 1882; Naomi Walton and Ruth Lawton, twins, March 16, 1884; Henry McCullough, February 26, 1887; Robert Ernest, January 10, 1889; Lucius Leman, January 24, 1891; Marjorie Wellington, July 1, 1896. In 1916, these were all living except two; two were married and there were three grandchildren. Fletcher Clark, class of 1873, was his younger brother. Author of "Life and Adventure in Japan"; "From Hong Kong to the Himalayas"; "Kats Awa: the Bismarck of Japan," and many letters in the Evangelist, N. Y. Evening Post, etc., from Japan. Thrice he accompanied parties of tourists around the world for the Clark Tourist Company of New York. In 1904-'05, he was active in raising a fund for the widows and orphans made by the Russo-Japanese war. A delightful companion in travel, an interesting man and an eager and persevering student and ready for fresh enterprises, but seemingly erratic and changeful—all, it is believed, from the fearful nervous strain, suffered all his life, from eye-trouble.

W. E. G.

#### EBENEZER PLATT JOHNSON

Died August 17, 1914.

**S**ON of Rev. John Gray Johnson, who was pastor of the Reformed Dutch Churches at Glenham and Upper Red Hook, N. Y.; Graduate of Rutgers College, 1836, and of the New Brunswick Seminary in 1839. Pastor at Red Hook from 1846 to 1870, and of Mary Gildersleeve Platt. Born at Upper Red Hook, Dutchess Co., N. Y., May 9th, 1849. Grew up in his father's home and also lived some years with his maternal grandfather, Ebenezer Platt of New York City, while attending the University Grammar School. He was two years in Rutgers College and then going to Williams College was graduated in 1869. After college, studied law with his uncle, the Hon. Thomas Nelson, 55 Liberty Street, New York, in which city he lived until his decease. Held degrees of A.B. and LL.B. (Williams). Was a member of Rev. Dr.

Booths's Presbyterian Church, University Place and 10th Street. He was a member of the Morris Club at Mott Haven and spent his leisure hours in sculling on the Harlem River and in later life managed sail boats skilfully. He was married, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Bloomingdale-on-Hudson, September 21st, 1871, to Mary Dorsey Disosway, youngest daughter of Cornelius Ryerss Disosway, a lawyer of New York City, from which time he practiced law in New York. The children of this union were Norman Gildersleeve, born June 22nd, 1872; Elsie Wilkins, born August 4, 1874; and Ellen Gray, born December 3, 1876, of which three, Norman survives, with three children.

W. E. G.

## PARSHALL D. NICOLS

Died June 16, 1906.

**S**ON of Barber Nicols and Lucy Parshall. Was born in Toronto, Canada, March 8th, 1845. Studied at the Lockport High School and for a time was a member of the classical section of the class of '69. He lived for a few years in New York City. Then removing to Pittsburg, he identified himself with the real estate business in that city. He founded the P. D. Nicols Real Estate Co. and was connected with the Land Trust Company. His church connection was first, with the Second Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg, Pa., and then with the Second Presbyterian Church at Sewickley, Pa. He was married at Sewickley, Pa., December 24th, 1874, to Miss Elizabeth A. McLaughlin, daughter of John and Mary Carson McLaughlin. Of this union were born Audley Dean, September 21, 1875; Mabel Louise, February 25, 1877; Alice Clyde, March 9, 1879; Verner, July 10, 1881; Lowell Warden, May 23, 1886; and Virginia, May 22, 1888, the latter deceased.

W. E. G.

## GEORGE WHITFIELD ROBINSON

395 Westervelt Avenue, New Brighton, S. I., N. Y.

**S**ON of James C. Robinson, manufacturer, many years elder in the Reformed (Dutch) Church, Middletown, N. J., born in Baltimore, Md., and Susan Taylor, born in New York City. Born at Middletown, N. J., March 14, 1845. Residences before entering college, Middletown, N. J., and Tottenville, N. Y. Prepared in Tottenville Public School and had private instruction. Graduated Public School 25 New York City, 1864. In college two years. Fraternity, Delta Upsilon. Lawyer. Admitted to bar, 1879. Residences since leaving college: Tottenville, S. I., 1868-'70; Mariners' Harbor, S. I., 1871—; Tompkinsville, S. I., 1878—; Rosebank, S. I., 1880—; West New Brighton, 1905—; Tompkinsville, 1913—. Principal Tottenville, P. S., 1868-'70; Mariners' Harbor, P. S., 1871-6; City Island, 1877; Tompkinsville, 1878-9; Stapleton, Superintendent Public Schools, 1880-'90; Rosebank, 1890-4. Politics, Independent Democrat. Married, Tottenville, N. Y., April 19, 1870, Mary Gellette Ellis, daughter of Abram Ellis, Sheriff of Rich-

mond County, and Alice Murray. Children: George Bertram Robinson, born November 21, 1871; Eleanor Robinson, born May 10, 1874, deceased; Walter Eliot Robinson, born April 8, 1876, deceased; Susan Alice Robinson, born July 12, 1879; Ralph Mortimer Robinson, born May 29, 1882. After 1896 entire time devoted to law practice. 1909-13 spent most of time in Western States—Colorado, Nevada, California,—interested in mines. Inherited mines of his brother William Isaac Robinson, a “Forty-niner.” G. W. L.

### WILLIAM LITTLE TERHUNE

\*Died January 5, 1869.

**S**ON of William Letson Terhune, (Rutgers A.B. 1835, A.M. 1838, born May 16, 1815; died December 27, 1907; Elder in Matawan Presbyterian Church for 60 years), and Margaret Little. Great grandfather, Abraham Terhune, was First Lieutenant in Captain Van Deventer's Regiment, N. J. militia during the Revolutionary War. William Little, his grandfather, on his mother's side, started the first school and the first bank in Matawan. Born, Matawan, N. J., February 15, 1848. Matawan his only place of residence, except during a part of his preparatory course, and during his college days, he made his home with his grandfather, Judge John Terhune, of New Brunswick. Prepared in the schools of Matawan and in the private school of Doctor, later Professor Gustavus Fischer, in New Brunswick. In college nearly four years, until his death, during the holiday vacation of his Senior year. The faculty of the college, his class, and the fraternity to which he belonged were well represented at the funeral in the Presbyterian Church of Matawan on January 8. Dr. Campbell, also at the request of the faculty, preached a very touching memorial discourse in the College Chapel January 17. Junior orator. Fraternity, Delta Kappa Epsilon. Intended to study law. Relatives among alumni of Rutgers: William Letson Terhune, 1835, father; Rev. Edward Payson Terhune, D.D., 1850, uncle; Howard D. Terhune, 1878, uncle; John Terhune, 1879, brother; Professor Henry Veghte, 1877, a distant cousin. Other information: Three brothers and one sister living: James L. Terhune, for many years cashier of the First National Bank of Red Bank, N. J.; John Terhune, Vice President First National Bank of Long Branch, N. J.; Henry S. Terhune, Judge of the Court of Errors and Appeals of the State of New Jersey; and Miss Margaret Little Terhune, residing in Matawan. Ancestors were French Huguenots, who went to Holland, married there, and, in 1640, came to Long Island, and then to New Jersey. Parents celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary in the same house in which, on October 10, 1843, they were married. A remarkable feature of the affair, the best man, Hon. Henry Stafford Little, the bride's brother, and Mrs. Dumont Frelinghuysen, of Somerville, N. J., the bridesmaid, were both living at the time and were invited to the anniversary. See personal and obituary notices in The Targum of January and February, 1869, and pamphlet containing President W. H. Campbell's memorial sermon, Targum editorial and fraternity resolutions.

G. W. L. W. E. G.

## JACOB CRAIG VAN BLARCOM

Died August 24, 1908.

SON of Jacob Van Riper Van Blarcom, farmer and merchant, who also served two terms in the New Jersey State Legislature, and Euphemia Maria Dixon. His first parental American ancestor was John Van Blarcom, who came from Amsterdam, Holland, in 1621, and settled in New Jersey; he married Magdaleentje Thennis, and from them the line descends through their son Gylbert and his wife Elena Lacomba; their son Jans and his wife, Vrouwten Kip; their son Hendricks, and his wife Annatje Van Winkel; their son Johannis and his wife Antje Jacobusse; their son Brant and his wife Getty Van Riper, who were the grandparents of Jacob C. Van Blarcom. Hendrick, or Heindrick Van Blarcom, his great great grandfather, was a Captain in the Second Regiment, Essex Co., N. J., Continental Troops during the Revolutionary War. Brant Van Blarcom, his grandfather, was the first mayor of Paterson, N. J. Born at Warren Point, in Bergen County, across the river from Paterson, June 1, 1849. Lived there and in Paterson before entering college. Prepared in the public schools and in the private school of Samuel Hosford of Paterson, and in some preparatory school of Jersey City. Was in college one year. Zeta Psi fraternity. In 1866 went to St. Louis, Mo., where he spent the rest of his life. He entered there the employ of Peter-  
son, Hanthorn & Co., wholesale saddlery, hardware, and leather merchants, and so quickly did he master the details of the business that during the epidemic of cholera in the fall of the same year, he was sent out to take the place of a traveling salesman who refused to go into the fever stricken cities of the South. His progress thenceforth was rapid, and in 1870, despite his youth, he was invested with the power of attorney to liquidate all the business of the firm and close up its affairs. Subsequently he was appointed head ac-  
countant of the National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis; at age of 28 cashier, then Vice-President, and in 1905 President. He assisted in organizing the Missouri Edison Company, and the Missouri Electric Light and Power Com-  
pany of St. Louis, and was interested with Clay Pierce and other St. Louis capitalists in the Mexico Central Railway. Later he assisted in financing the Tennessee Central Railway, of which he was President until a short time before his death. He was also Vice-President of the Burlington Elevator Co., and a director in the St. Louis Car Wheel Co., the St. Louis Portland Cement Co., and the Phoenix National Bank of New York, as well as Presi-  
dent of the St. Louis Clearing House and a member of the Merchants' Ex-  
change. He was also treasurer of the committee who raised funds in St. Louis for the San Francisco earthquake sufferers in 1906. A member of the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Holland Society of New York, the New York and Union Club of New York, the Adirondack Club, and the St. Louis Commercial, Log Cabin, Cuivre Hunting and Noonday Clubs of St. Louis. Avocation, shooting and fishing. Married in Chicago, Ill., January 19, 1871, Mary Fairfax, daughter of James M. Gamble, of Bloomington, Ill., and Mary Walker Hodge. He died at his summer home,

Little Moose Lake, in the Adirondacks, near Old Forge, N. Y. Children: Leslie Craig Van Blarcom, born January 12, 1873; Frederick Van Blarcom, born June 20, 1885. Jacob C. Van Blarcom was 12th in descent from Hon. Nicasius de Sille, who was pensionary of the city of Amsterdam, and was one of the ambassadors to Queen Elizabeth of England, and afterwards ambassador to Denmark and to Germany. He was also 10th in descent from Hon. Nicasius de Sille, who was First Counsellor to Peter Stuyvessant, at that time Director General of New Netherland.

G. W. L.



## SCIENTIFIC SECTION

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NATHANAEL BOARD

Died March 22, 1900.

A SSISTANT to Engineer of Public Parks of New York City. M.Sc.  
(Rutgers 1872).

Persistent efforts to obtain further data unavailing.

W. E. G.

SIMEON EASTLAKE BUCKNELL

Died June 20, 1903.

SON of Samuel Rooker Bucknell, man of business, and Lydia Stokes Eastlake. Born at Philadelphia, Pa., May 16, 1850. Life before entering college, at Marlton, N. J., Haddonfield, N. J., New York City, and New Brunswick, N. J. Educated mostly at Grammar School No. 35, in Thirteenth Street, New York City, under Principal Hunter, 1863-1866; his earlier years having been spent in country schools of New Jersey. Was graduated from Rutgers College in 1869. Won second prize for essay. Elected member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. Studied medicine and was graduated from the St. Louis Medical College 1875. Resided in Indianapolis, Ind., 1869-'70, St. Louis, Mo., and East St. Louis (across the river). In surgical and medical practice. Two years at Shipman, nine years at New Douglas, and at Alhambra, until his decease; in all, twenty-five years. For a time, was civil engineer at Indianapolis and at St. Louis. Degree of M.Sc. (Rutgers, 1872), A.M. (Rutgers, 1878); M.D. (St. Louis Medical College, 1875). In church connection, Baptist. In politics, Republican. Was married at O'Fallon, Ill., in August 1873, to Marion A. Cochrane, daughter of James M. Cochrane and Jane Philbrook Cochrane, his wife. Of this union were born Nellie Lydia (Hale), June 25, 1874; Samuel Kazlitt Ackerman, January 6, 1876; Elizabeth (Stewart), December 11, 1877; Marion Augusta (McKittrick), April 1, 1879; Anna Maria (McKittrick), February 24, 1881; Inez Acola, November 22, 1888, (died December, 1888). He contributed many articles to medical journals, from 1875 to 1890. Wrote a number of serial stories, for the Central Christian Advocate, from 1885 to 1895. Charitable to a fault, he was noted for philanthropy, specially in caring for the sick poor. He was, at different times, president, secretary or treasurer of the Madison County Medical Society.

Data furnished by Samuel K. A. Bucknell, his brother, Haddon Heights, N. J.; and Samuel K. A. Bucknell, his son, National Stock Yards, Ill.

W. E. G.

HOLMES VAN MATER DENNIS

Freehold, N. J.

SON of Jesse Appleton Dennis, A.M., lawyer, and Catherine Van Mater. Descended from (1) Thomas Dennis (1638-1706) of Ipswich, Mass., a soldier in King Philip's War; (2) John Dennis (1683-1757) of Ipswich, Mass.,

an Ensign and Lieutenant in Ipswich Foot Company; (3) Rev. John Dennis (1708-1773), a graduate of Harvard College in 1730; (4) Arthur Dennis (1745-1825), a soldier and Sergeant in the Revolutionary War; Rev. Rodney Gove Dennis (1791-1865), a graduate of Bodowin College in 1816, and of Andover Theological Seminary in 1819; (6) Jesse Appleton Dennis (1824-1854) Amherst College, 1842, A.M. degree from Rutgers College in 1845. Born near Holmdel, N. J., April 11, 1849. Residences before entering college, Monmouth County, N. J.; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Darien, Ga. Prepared in public schools and Freehold Institute, Freehold, N. J. Graduated at Rutgers with B.Sc. Residences since graduation, New York City, 1870-'77; Newtown, L. I., 1877-'81; Freehold, N. J., 1881-1916. Civil Engineer, (retired); farmer, (retired); President Freehold Gas Light Company; President Monmouth County Farmers' Exchange; Director Central National Bank of Freehold, N. J. M.Sc. Rutgers, 1872. Church connection, Dutch Reformed. Democrat. Avocation, motoring and golf. First, married Eugenia C. Baird, December 26, 1871; second, married Caroline E. Baird, September 6, 1876; first and second wives were sisters, and daughters of David Baird and Anne E. Conover. Son, Holmes Van Mater Dennis, jr., born in New York City, February 5, 1873. Relatives among Rutgers alumni: James Appleton Dennis, '45, father; Holmes V. M. Dennis, jr., '94, son; William A. Van Mater, '69, first cousin; Daniel Van Mater '73, first cousin; Joseph A. Van Mater '80, first cousin; Henry G. Cook '98, second cousin.

G. W. L.

JOSHUA DOUGHTY, JR.  
Somerville, N. J.

**S**ON of Joshua Doughty, merchant, Somerville, N. J., and State Senator, and Susan M. Southard. Doughty and Ludlow ancestors in Revolutionary War. Wm. L. Dayton, Minister to France, was of his family. Samuel L. Southard, U. S. Senator and Secretary of Navy also of his family. Governor Ludlow, of New Jersey was a cousin of his father. Born at Somerville, N. J., February 28, 1844. Residences before entering college, Somerville, except while at school at Lawrenceville, N. J. Schools, Somerville until 1864, Lawrenceville until 1866. Graduated at Rutgers with B.S. Prize in Mineralogy. M.Sc., Rutgers 1872. Residence since leaving college, Somerville only. Licensed pharmacist while proprietor of drug store. Practical engineering ever since graduation. Borough Engineer of Bound Brook, Somerville and Paritan. Acting Engineer also for Flemington. County Engineer of Somerset Co., N. J., since 1886. Officer in lodge and chapter in Free Masonry. Also in lodge of Redmen. Attendant at Episcopal church. Democrat. Married, 1878, Phillipsburg, N. J., Lillian M. Teel, daughter of Lewis M. Teel. Relatives among Rutgers alumni, the Daytons and Ludlows. Writings: Articles on road surveys and road construction, published in State Road Reports, Trenton, N. J.

G. W. L.

J. RIDGWAY FELL  
Trenton, N. J.

SON of Henry R. Fell, contracting, and Rachel Woolverton. Father's family came over with William Penn. Mother's family in time of Revolution, located in Hunterdon Co., N. J., and several of them took part in that war. Born in Bucks Co., Pa., August 29, 1846. Residences before entering college, Bucks Co., Pa., Baltimore, Md., and Trenton, N. J. Prepared in private school 1861-4 in winter months only,—balance of time worked at trade. In Model School, Trenton, 1864-6 the same. Served apprenticeship as machinist. Class President of Scientific Section, 1866-7, and again in 1868-9, also Secretary of combined class 1868-9. Graduated with B.Sc., M.Sc. Rutgers, 1872. Residences since leaving college: Pennsylvania, 6 years, New York, 2 years, New Jersey. Engineering on various railroads, 1869-1881. Superintendent Lykens Valley Coal Co., and Summit Branch Collieries, 1881-6. Various engineering work, 1886-92. Engineer City of Trenton, 1892-4. Engineering and contracting, railroads, trolley roads, sewers, etc. 1894-1911. In 1911 elected City Commissioner. Department Streets and Public Improvements. Constructed Filtration Plant, 30,000,000 gallons' capacity for the city. 1915, re-elected City Commissioner. Past Master of Masons. Church connection, Friends (known as Quakers). In Philadelphia, Pa., February 15, 1877, married Laura Miller, daughter of William and Rachel Miller. Children: J. Henry Fell, born September 5, 1878; Frank Fell, born April 12, 1880; Reba Fell, born February 10, 1886; Scott Miller Fell, born October 10, 1887; C. Dawson Fell, born June 8, 1890. Relatives among alumni, Scott Miller Fell, son, 1911.

G. W. L.

EDWARD SEALY  
369 Washington Street, Newark, N. J.

SON of John Sealy, manufacturer, and Lydia Tuttle. Born at Newark, N. J., January 3rd, 1850, lived in Newark and at Madison, N. J., preparing for Rutgers College in the public schools of the former city until 1860, at Madison Academy until 1863, and at Newark Academy until 1867. In college won first prize for scientific thesis, was on The Targum board of editors, and was president of the Scientific Literary Society. Member of the Philoclean Literary Society. Attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, and the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, graduating in 1884, and lived in Newark to date, as practicing physician and surgeon, and in attendance at the Hospital for Women and Children for diseases of the throat, and at the charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, all in Newark. Has been Vice-President of the Board of Governors of the Hospital for Women and Children to date, and also member of the Board of Trustees, from 1910 to date, of the Neward Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary in Newark, N. J. Received degree of B.S. and M.Sc. from Rutgers College, 1869. Church connection, First Presbyterian Church, Newark, N. J. In politics, Republican. Author of Chronic Inversion of the Uterus, in Journal of Oestetrics, 1909, Wm. Wood & Co.

J. H.

## AUGUSTUS VAN DER VEER

Died April 9, 1902.

**S**ON of Isaac Van der Veer, farmer, Rocky Hill, N. J., and Mary Skillman. Born at Rocky Hill, June 4, 1850. Residence before entering college, Rocky Hill. Prepared at Rocky Hill and at Princeton Preparatory School. Phi Beta Kappa. Graduated at Rutgers with B.Sc. M.Sc., Rutgers, 1872. Residences after leaving college, Rocky Hill, 5 years, 1869-74; Somerville, N. J., 7 years, 1874-81; Buffalo, N.Y., one year, 1882; Trenton, N. J., 1884; Somerville, 1884-1902. Civil Engineer with D. L. & W., and Pennsylvania railroads. Deputy County Clerk, Somerville, N. J., 18 years. Member First Reformed Church, Somerville. Deacon there. Democrat. Married, June 15, 1882, Somerville, N. J., Evelyn M. Gaston, daughter of Hugh M. Gaston, Esq., and Frances M. Prevost. Children: Hugh Gaston Van der Veer, born March 21, 1883; Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Van der Veer, born April 20, 1884. Relatives among Rutgers alumni: George V. Van der Veer, 1879, brother. "Quiet and unostentatious in his life, gentle and kindly to all, never turning away from any who called upon him for help or sympathy."

G. W. L.

## WILLIAM AUGUSTUS VAN MATER

Belford, N. J.

**S**ON of Gilbert H. Van Mater, farmer, at Holmdel, N. J., and Sarah Holmes. Born at Holmdel, N. J., January 9, 1849. Residence before entering college, Holmdel. Prepared at Woodhull School, Freehold, N. J., and at Glenwood Institute, Matawan, N. J. Graduated with B.Sc., M.Sc. Rutgers, 1872. Residences since leaving college, in Monmouth County until 1878, then in Virginia for three years, and since then back to original place. Previous to 1883 was engaged in farming, engineering and surveying. From 1883 to 1906 (23 years continuously), First Assistant Engineer, then Engineer Main of Way on N. J. Southern Division, C. R. R. of N. J. Since 1906, engineering and surveying railroad, county, and private work. Church connection, Reformed Church in America. Republican. Avocation, all good sports. Relatives among Rutgers laumni: Holmes V. M. Dennis, '69, cousin; Holmes V. M. Dennis, jr., '94, cousin once removed; Joseph A. Van Mater '94, cousin.

G. W. L.

## ABRAM DE HART VOORHEES

Died January 16, 1911.

**S**ON of John Schenck Voorhees, farmer, and Sarah Van Doren. Born at Three Mile Run, N. J., March 25, 1848. Prepared for college at Claverack, N. Y. Was awarded the degree of M.Sc. by Rutgers College, in 1872. Church connection, Reformed, Franklin Park, N. J. After graduation, remained on the ancestral home throughout his life. Unmarried. Among Rutgers alumni were his brothers, the late Judge Peter Voorhees, class of 1873, and the late John S. Voorhees, Prosecutor, class of 1876. J. H.

## SCIENTIFIC NON-GRADUATES

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SYMMES BERGEN

No. 588 Chestnut Avenue, Trenton, N. J.

**S**ON of John Stryker Bergen, farmer and fruit grower, and Catherine Amanda Hunt, of Dutch ancestry, who settled at Holland, N. J., and after whom the county and the place received their names. Born at Princeton, N. J., August 9, 1849. "A husky farmer's boy, attended the village district school," and received further education at Clark Boarding School, Cranbury, N. J., for three years and at the Schenck Preparatory School at Princeton, N. J., for three years. Was three years in Rutgers College. In the Rutgers Scientific Literary Society. Since leaving college spent twenty-two years-as farmer, near Princeton, N. J., and twenty-five years at Trenton, N. J., with the American Steel and Wire Company, manufacturers of steel and wire rope and a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation. In church connection, trustee in the Dutch Neck Reformed Church for ten years; trustee of the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Trenton, N. J., for nine years and ruling elder in the same, for fifteen years. A life-long Sunday School teacher. For five years president of the local Y. M. C. A., and working among young people and in charitable organizations. In politics Republican. In college days an enthusiastic baseball player. Married, December 12, 1872, at Cranbury, N. J., to Miss Margaret A. Duncan, daughter of Andrew J. Duncan of same place and graduate of the Steubenville (O.) Young Ladies' Seminary. No children. George Hutchinson, class of 1898, cousin. Successful farmer, a reliable accountant, steadfast in business and ever active in behalf of his fellow men.

W. E. G.

SPENCER HOUGHTON CONE

Larchmont, N. Y.

**S**ON of Spencer Cone and Josephine Maitland. Born in New York City, November 23rd, 1881. Descended from Colonel Joab Houghton and Major General Spencer of the New Jersey Line, in the War of the Revolution, and Rev. Spencer Houghton Cone, D.D., who was born at Princeton, N. J. Educated in the College of New Jersey, Dr. Cone became in turn actor, editor, soldier in the War of 1812, and preacher. Ordained to the Baptist ministry in 1815, he was pastor at Alexandria, Va. (1816-1823), Oliver St. Church, New York (1823-1841); First Baptist Church, (1841-1855); an able pulpit orator and President of the American Bible Society and of the American Bible Union, he was an advocate for a new version of the Bible. "Memoir" by his son, Spencer Wallace Cone. S. H. Cone of '69, lived in New York and at New Brunswick and Larchmont, N. Y. Educated in the public schools and Rutgers Grammar School under Dr. Crispell. Was two years in Rutgers College. In Zeta Psi fraternity. Has lived since in Larchmont, N. Y.

In the theatrical profession. In politics a Democrat. Married, March 15, 1895, to Miss Mary Stewart, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Of this union were born Kathlyn Anna Cone, December 11, 1895; Spencer Houghton Cone, jr., June 14, 1905. Constantly active in business since graduation. J. H.

HENRY CLAY FREESE  
Hays, Ellis County, Kansas.

**S**ON of Jacob R. Freese, M.D., College of Philadelphia, Assistant Adjutant General of New Jersey State militia from August 24, 1861, acting as such on the staff of Generals Hentzelman and Joseph Hooker, and editor for many years of *The Gazette*, Trenton, N. J., and Lily S. Swayze, formerly of Warren County, N. J. Forefathers came from Friesland, the most northern province of the Netherlands. Born September 28, 1848, in Warren County, N. J., and named after Henry Clay, from whom a personal letter was received. Lived at Bloomington, Ill., and at Trenton, N. J. Educated in the schools of these places, and was one year in Princeton College. Moved from New Jersey to Philadelphia in 1851, to Bloomington, Ill. in 1855; to Cincinnati for one year and back to New Jersey in 1858. Diligent while in Rutgers College, improving every hour, with no interest in "outside festivities." Visited western Europe in 1867, meeting kinsfolk in Friesland. From 1868 to 1871, in Chicago, in the wholesale lumber business. From 1871 to 1878, in Trenton, N. J., and at Hays, Kansas to date. "In real estate business and in United States pension and land work, from 1882 to date. Editor of the Free Press, the oldest newspaper in Ellis County, Kansas, thirty-one years, from September 1882 to 1913. Now, a retired business man. In politics, but never asked or held office. Never joined societies or church, as a newspaper man must be independent of all entanglements so as to be free to comment on the wolves in these. But a warm friend and advocate of everybody else 'jinin'. . . . . Family of parents Episcopalian. Family here all Presbyterian. . . . . Formerly Republican. Then with the famous Alliance and People's Party to break from the rings in both parties. Then Independent, intelligent enough to pick my men from the list of candidates. . . . . Avocation or sport (hobby), none. . . . . Love everybody. . . . . Friend to everybody. Known as 'Daddy Freese' in my own town, but attend strictly to my own affairs within myself." Married at Trenton, N. J., December 25, 1872, in the Presbyterian Church, Miss L. Amelia Howell, of Sussex County, N. J., student in the State Normal School of Trenton, N. J., daughter of R. H. Howell, for years keeper of the New Jersey State Prison. Of this union, six children were born, two dying in infancy. The others are Lily S., born June, 1875; Lauretta H., born in 1877, in New Jersey, and both married, living respectively in Memphis, Tenn., and at Lemoore, Calif.; Alice L., born in Kansas, 1881, single, lives at home; John H., born in Kansas, married, living in Los Angeles, Calif.

W. E. G.

## CORNELIUS WYCKOFF GARRETSON

Dead. Persistent attempts to locate kin or relatives unavailing.

## HENRY C. HOPPER

Persistent attempts to locate unavailing.

## GEORGE DENMAN MEEKER

Died November 22, 1896.

**S**ON of Josiah Meeker, merchant, and Cathrine Freighly Byram, was born at Succasuna, New Jersey, March 31, 1849. Childhood spent in his native town. Prepared for college in the Mendham Academy. Was one year in Rutgers College. Lived later at Morristown, N. J.; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Boonton, Dover and South Orange, N. J., and in New York City. Was bookkeeper in the First National Bank, at Morristown, N. J. After serving three different banking firms in New York, became Cashier of the National Bank of Dover for twelve years. Cashier of the National City Bank of New York for three years and until the time of his decease. In religion a Presbyterian, and always active in church and Sunday school work. In politics, Republican. Married October 13, 1875, to Miss Cornelia M. Able, daughter of John S. Able, Boonton, N. J. Of this union were born Mary Cornelia, April 21, 1877; George Maxwell, January 3, 1882, and Marion Able, February 15, 1889. Mr. Edward J. Meeker of the class of 1896 was a relative. Mr. Meeker gave close attention, most of his life, to business and was a valued member of society until his death, November 22, 1896. W. E. G.

## DUMONT FRELINGHUYSEN MERCER

Died January 19, 1882.

**S**ON of Wm. Theodore Mercer, physician, and Gertrude Frelinghuysen Mercer. Born at Newark, New Jersey, January 23rd, 1850, lived in Newark and prepared for college at the Newark Academy. Was a year or more in Rutgers College, and returned to Newark in which city and in New York he was engaged until his decease. In church connection, Episcopal. In politics, Republican. Among relatives in Rutgers College were his brother Archibald Mercer, of the class of 1868, and students from the Frelinghuysen, Nevius, Elmendorf and Vroom families. W. E. G.

## MARVIN REUBEN MERCHANT

Dead. Persistent attempts to locate kin or relatives unavailing.

## THOMAS M. MURRAY

Died November 24, 1907.

**S**ON of John Murray, of Delhi, N. Y., contractor, making a specialty of bridge building, and Ellen Middlenum. Born at Delhi, June 18, 1847. Delhi only place of residence before entering college. Prepared in district schools of Delaware Co., N. Y., and in Delaware Academy at Delhi, grad-

uating therefrom at age of fifteen. In 1866 entered Rutgers Scientific School, and remained in College until January, 1869. In June, 1868, he won the tub race across the Raritan River at New Brunswick, being the only one who was successful in getting across the river, using wooden paddles. Residences since leaving college: Paterson, Newark, Highland Park 1891-7, Plainfield 1897-1901, New Brunswick 1901 until death,—all in New Jersey. After he left college he went into business with his father and his uncle, Dr. David Murray, Professor in Rutgers College. In the manufacture of brick at or near Singac, N. J., about four miles from Paterson. For a time also he was in the real estate and auction business in New York City. In 1879 he became a contractor for the building of docks and bridges. In 1888 he became associated with the Thomson-Houston Co., of Boston, in electrical contract work, and in 1889 formed a co-partnership with J. D. Murray in the building and equipping of electrical railroads. He built trolley lines in Paterson, N. J., in Bridgeport, Conn., and elsewhere. He was Superintendent of Construction of the New Brunswick Trolley System, and aided largely in securing the necessary capital for that enterprise. Church connection, Presbyterian, but not a member. A Republican in politics. A lover of fine horses. Married, in March 2, 1869, in the First Presbyterian Church at New Brunswick, Helen W. Wyckoff, daughter of Peter N. Wyckoff and Emma H. Price. Children: Florence, deceased, married Joel B. Harvey; Emma, married Robert B. Strong; Ellen, married Rev. Jesse L. Durfee. Relatives among Rutgers alumni: David Murray, 1873, of Delhi, N. Y., first cousin; Asher Murray, 1879, of Delhi, first cousin; Norbury C. Murray, 1906, of East Orange, second cousin; Rev. Jesse F. Durfee, 1910, son-in-law. Mr. Murray's great achievement was the success he made of his railroad contract work, and especially his success in the establishment of the New Brunswick trolley system. When a student in Delaware Academy, just before the breaking out of the Civil War, some Southern students there decided to tear down the Stars and Stripes waving over the school. Mr. Murray and others learning of the plan, in their patriotism, resolved to thwart it. In the excitement of the scuffle that ensued our young hero jumped off a high embankment into the Delhi Creek and broke his right ankle, obliging him to use crutches a year or so. After leaving school, and working for his father a couple of years, he resolved to take a higher education and sought to enter West Point Military Academy. Through his uncle, Prof. David Murray, of New Brunswick, and Judge William Murray of Delhi, with the aid of Senator Roscoe Conkling, he secured the appointment and passed his examinations, doing exceptionally well in mathematics, but physically could not qualify, because of his injured ankle, which was enlarged.

G. W. L.

ROBERT HENDERSON ROBERTSON  
331 Madison Avenue, New York City.

**S**ON of Archibald Robertson and Elizabeth Henderson, the former of Scottish parentage in New York, and the latter born in Perthshire, Scotland. Born at Philadelphia, Pa., April 29, 1849. Educated in the schools of Philadelphia—three or four years at the Gregory School and three years at the Fitz-Hugh School. One year in Edinburgh, Scotland. Spent two years in Rutgers College, in the Scientific Course and had the degree of B.A. conferred in 1913, and A.M. in 1916. Was stroke of College boat crew, in 1868. Member of the Delta Phi fraternity. Studied architecture in offices of George B. Post, Henry Sims, and Edward Potter in New York City, from 1868 to 1872. Member of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church and later of Brick Presbyterian Church. In politics, Republican. Recreation, golf, shooting and fishing. Married, April 29th, 1873, to Miss Charlotte Markoe, daughter of Dr. Thomas Markoe of New York City. Since leaving college has lived in New York City in practice of his profession until 1914, when he retired. Has one son, Thomas Markoe Robertson, born January 10, 1879.

J. H.

GEORGE CLARENCE TOWLE  
417 George Street, New Brunswick, N. J.

**B**ORN of Henry Towle, merchant, and Justina Funtman, at New Brunswick, September 22nd, 1849, and has lived in New Brunswick and at Highland Park, N. J. Received four years' education at private schools and in the Grammar School. He played on the college baseball team against Princeton, while at Rutgers Preparatory School. Was three years in college. Charter member of the "Chi Phi fraternity." After college life lived at Newark, N. J., one year; Marseilles, Ill., four years; Elizabeth, N. J., three years; and ever since lived at Metuchen, N. J., where he now resides—Office 417 George St., New Brunswick, N. J. Has been a merchant and is now in the real estate and insurance business. In politics, Republican. Married at Cole's Creek, Pa., November 11th, 1889, to Clare R. Fritz, his first wife; and at New Brunswick, N. J., March 3rd, 1915, to Anna Eastborn, his second wife. His children are Marguerite J., born August 19, 1890; M. Sydnie, November 24th, 1893; Clare F., October 18th, 1896; Annie K., May 31st, 1899; George C., jr., December 6th, 1900. One daughter married to L. B. Van Dyke, August 19, 1913, who has two children. Among the alumni of Rutgers College are his relatives, Charles T. Cowenhoven, 1862; C. S. See, 1867; L. K. Van Dyke, 1911, and C. T. Cowenhoven, jr., 1900.

W. E. G.











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